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**Exploring an Alternative Policing Model in the Sheriff's Department**

The Mission of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) is to partner with the community to proactively prevent crime, enforce the law fairly and enhance the public's trust through transparency and accountability. However, the LASD, like most law enforcement agencies across the state and nation, is experiencing critical staffing shortages that have impacted every bureau within the department. While the Department is working hard to recruit and hire quality personnel to fill hundreds of vacancies, our communities continue to be impacted by quality-of-life issues, such as illegal dumping, graffiti, vandalism and alike, which have long response times due to other priority calls for service.

While, the number of Sheriff's Academies have increased, we know it will take years to keep up with attrition. Recently, we have seen some cities and law enforcement agencies explore and/or establish supplemental policing models. These alternative models are not replacements to existing law enforcement resources but rather enhancements to their services by having a cadre of other personnel respond to the everyday quality of life concerns that can also be linked to social services that frees up officers/deputies to respond to emergency calls in a more timely manner.

At this time, it is prudent to study these alternative policing models to determine if and how they can enhance and improve our services to our communities and support the wellness of our deputies who are experiencing significant fatigue from working overtime.

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**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors request the Sheriff's Department to work with our labor partners to assess alternative supplemental law enforcement models currently being explored or established and, working in concert with the Office of County Counsel, and the Chief Executive Office report back in 90 days with an overview and feasibility of implementing an alternative policing model within the Sheriff's Department.

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